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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN AID TO NORTH VIET-NAM

REF: A. STATE 42861; B. CANBERRA 1396; C. SAIGON 2552

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES PROMPT COMMENTS PROVIDED REFTELS
B AND C.

2. ROBERT JACOBS, EXPORT TRAFFIC MANAGER, CATERPILLAR
TRACTOR CO., INFORMED DEPARTMENT OFFICER ON MARCH 10 THAT
COMPANY HAS MADE EXECUTIVE DECISION TO AVOID BIDDING ON GOA
REQUEST IF POSSIBLE. JACOBS SAID THAT "WE DO NOT WANT TO
SEE OUR TRACTORS IN NORTH VIET-NAM," AND THAT AUSTRALIAN
SUBSIDIARY HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT PARENT COMPANY PREFERS IT
DECLINE TO BID IF THIS CAN BE DONE GRACEFULLY. IF, HOWEVER,
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THIS CREATES EMBARRASSING SITUATION FOR AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDI-

ARY, JACOBS THOUGHT COMPANY WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND TO
GOA REQUEST.

3. JACOBS SAID THAT AUSTRALIAN SUB HAS BEEN ASKED IF
FAILURE TO BID WOULD CREATE PROBLEM, BUT RESPONSE NOT YET
RECEIVED. HE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT OF ANY SIGNIFICANT
DEVELOPMENTS. INGERSOLL

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